Continued from first page.

while the Yorkshire Light Infantry moved along the river's side. Just before daybreak the Highlanders arrived within two hundred yards of the Boer intrenchments, at the foot of a hill. Unthe British were still marching in quarter colin close ordet, when they met a terrible fire from the flanks, and were forced to retire

The troops reformed under the shelter of some rising ground, and gailantly held their position. Later the Gordons arrived, and the troops naval gun at the Modder River, the howitzer batteries and the Horse Artillery opened a termoved, with the object of making a flank at-

The Boers recommenced shelling in the evening, but no damage was done. The British slept on their position. It is expected that there will be a renewal of the fighting to-morrow. The

When the Highlanders met the murderous point blank fire of the Boers about two hundred were moved down. The Black Watch Regiment

except from the Boer rifles, until

The Boers had had free recourse to barbed wire entanglements, which offered great obeven after the damage inflicted by the

This morning (Tuesday) both sides occupied the positions they held before the battle. The greatest bravery was displayed by both officers and men. The wounded include Lieutenant Colonel A. E. Codrington and Captain Sterling, both of the 1st Battalion of the Coldstream

A detachment of Boers posted among som thick bushes to the east maintained a most destructive fire on our right. With the remarkable displays, they were, generally speaking, virtually invisible; and, although the enemy's artillery was practically silenced, his rifle fire was ersistent and concentrated, as well as unusually well aimed, that it was absolutely imposition by assault.

At the first advance of the Highlanders the Boer shooting, probably owing to the darkness, was somewhat high, otherwise the British losses would have been still heavier.

London, Dec. 14 .- Julian Ralph, describing the battle at Magersfontein, in a special dispatch to "The Daily Mail" says:

The Boers were intrenched at Magersfontein, four miles north of Modder River. At dawn Monday the Highlanders, advancing across the Monday the Highlanders, advancing across the veldt, were suddenly subjected to a murderous fire from the trenches about two hundred yards in front. The greater part of the fearful loss of the day was thus suffered in a single minute. Startled and overwhelmed, the brigade retired quickly, but soon rallied and retained their position. This was on the left.

On the right the Guards' brigade advanced across the veldt against other trenches, and fought an invisible foe for fifteen hours.

At 11 in the morning the Gordon Highlanders were sent forward. The Boers allowed them to pass one line of trenches, and then enfiladed them. We raked the Boer trenches with artillery throughout the day. The fighting only ceased with nightfall.

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The special correspondent of "The Daily Mail" at Modder River, describing the fighting, says:

The Boer trenches extended far beyond the The Boer trenches extended far beyond the kopje into the open plain. Those on the plain were hidden by screens of leaves. Those near the kopje were guarded by a double line of barbed wire. Evidently they feared our storming and bayonet attack. We raked the kopje and trenches with an intense, well directed fire and trenches with an intense, well directed fire of thirty guns, including a naval gun and a howitzer battery, both using lyddite. I believe they effected severe damage. The Boer prisoners report that one lyddite shell fell among torty men, only five of whom escaped unhurt. Other shells burst in the enemy's laager, causing its complete destruction.

The Boers are in still larger force than we

The Boars are in still larger force than we found them at Modder River, outnumbering us by almost three to one. The Transvaalers are apparently dominating in their military councils airly.

It is estimated here that Lord Methuen's forces amounted to eleven thousand men, and perhaps to more. No trustworthy estimate of his losses has yet been received. They are belleved to have been at least 450.

"The Standard," which comments upon the seemingly astonishing numbers of the Boers." is driven to the conjecture that a substantial portion of the Boer commandos has been re-

cruited from the Cape Dutch. All eyes are now turned hopefully to General



repeat it, since we meet it, pliant, pertinent Every day, though it was written in the silent days

Not Mazeiting, nor subletting all their courage to

Richard taunted: Full he faced the foe and vaunted to the front all Swinging, clinging hair-suspended, like an agitated

What's the matter with our Thomas? What in thunder made him run? Who adjourned the brave Committee, sitting safely in this city,

Humming low a one-stringed ditty-dodging Thomas (more's the pity), When for him the town was crying to come forth

and testify? our Thomas, full of promise, pull the string that made them fly?

it was reported that the heavy cannon fire had

The British are constantly using their bal

A special dispatch from Pretoria, by way of

While the battle of Magersfontein was pro-eeding, the Free State artillery engaged an rmored train along the railway line toward believest

Belmont.
Forty-one prisoners, belonging to the 1st
Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders, have just

traversed Jacobsdal.

In the last attack on Surprise Hill three leading Pretoria townsmen were killed and several others wounded, causing great sorrow here.

GENERAL WAUCHOPE KILLED.

HE COMMANDED THE HIGHLAND BRIGADE.

London, Dec. 13.-The War Office has received

Capte Town, Dec. 12 .- Methuen wires that

deneral Wauchope was killed in action yester

day.

General Wauchope, of the Black Watch, commanded the Highland Brigade with General Methuen's column. He twice contested Midlothian, once against Mr. Gladstone. He was a

Major General Andrew G. Wauchope, C. B., C. M.

entered the army in 1865. In 1873 he was in the

entered the army in 1865. In 1873 he was in the Ashanti war, in 1882 in the Egyptian war, and in 1884-85 in the Soudan expedition. He was a brigader general in command of the Egyptian expeditionary force in 1898. He had sustained four wounds in as many engagements, three severe ones. He had received a reward for distinguished and meritorious services. He was ordered to reinforce General Methuen after the first battle of Modder River, and arrived at the front on December 8 with the residue of the Highland Brigade.

BULLER'S ARMY ADVANCING.

A BRIGADE UNDER BENERAL BARTON

MOVES CLOSE TO COLENSO.

London, Dec. 13.-A dispatch from Frere

Camp, dated Tuesday, December 12, morning,

TO MOBILIZE ANOTHER DIVISION.

STEP MADE NECESSARY BY THE LOSSES

AT MAGERSFONTEIN.

stands that the War Office yesterday (Wednes-

losses at Magersfontein, to mobilize an Eighth

LONDON'S ANXIETY JUSTIFIED.

pected, followed up his artillery attack with a

general assault on the Boer positions, Monday,

and his report shows that the anxiety of the

public regarding the result, occasioned by the

justified.

ominous silence of the War Office, was amply

The latest advices from General Gatacre show

no anxiety is felt for the safety of his remaining

troops, who have been withdrawn to good posi-

tions along the railroad south of Molteno. It

is said that Bushman's Hock is impregnable.

The Boers decline to furnish the names of the

killed or wounded. They say they buried the

dead and are sending the prisoners to Bloemfon-

The Boer loss on Sunday is reported to have

been four killed and nine wounded. Probably

this is correct, as no genuine attack was deliv-

ered by General Gatacre's troops, who were com-

pletely surprised while in column. The British

apparently simply rushed up the nearest hill,

without orders or knowing where the enemy

was. It also appears that the British were so

exhausted that they were unable to accomplish

anything. They had been on the move since

4 a. m. Saturday, travelling by train, in open

had a distinguished career as a soldier. He

the following dispatch from General Forestier-

The fighting was still going on at noon

somewhat abated.

Kimberley is still quiet.

Lourenco Marques, says:

great favorite in the army.

Or was it his faithful Quiglet, bowing like a supple twiglet,

Who, pathetic, but magnetic, at the warning tele-Heard "Tom"-"Ahem! You hear me, Lem;-make 'em let this thing alone!

Oh, ye brave Mazet Committee, who while sitting Though ye posed and nosed as workers, were but shirkers, more's the pity,

When your tents ye quickly folded, as the Arabs did of yore, left us doubting Thomas, But-well-we've W. S. S.

at Cape Town, where it is said that Governor Milner is about to act, in consequence of dis-closures involving the Ministry's loyalty.

The White Star Line steamer Majestic sailed from Liverpool to-day for South Africa with 2,000 troops on heard. The White Star Line steamer Cymric has been chartered for use as a transport.

CANADA HAS READY ANOTHER REGIMENT Toronto, Ont., Dec. 13 .- Shortly after the Canadian regiment started for South Africa the Canadian government offered to send a second contingent. The British government at the contingent. The British government at the time declined the offer. Now, in view of the recent reverses, it is expected the offer will, he accepted and a second contingent dispatched. The department has everything in readiness to equip the men, even to the necessary khaki suits, and a regiment one thousand strong could be ready within a week from the time of calling out.

AFRICAN CABLE ROUTE CUT OFF. The Western Union Telegraph Company yes-

terday reported that the cable between the island of St. Thomas and St. Paul de Loanda is interrupted, thus cutting off the West Coast route to

TO JOIN THE BOERS. REPORTED THAT A REGIMENT OF IRISH-AMERI-CANS IS BEING RAISED.

Cleveland, Dec. 12 .- "The Plain Dealer" to-morrow will say that a party of twenty-five young Irish-Americans have left this city to join the Boers in their fight against Great Britain, At New-York these young men, who are mostly veterans of the Spanish-American war, will join about five hundred other Irishmen, and the entire party will sail from New-York on Saturday for Paris. In the latter city the men will join an Irish regiment being formed to go to the assistance of the Boers. The recruits from this country come largely from Chicago, New-York, Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland and other cities. Five hundred more Irish-Amerians will follow to Paris in a couple of weeks. Plans have already been made for the entire regient of one thousand to reach the scene of the fighting. Major William J. Gleason, one of the st known Irish-Americans in this city, said to-

Says:

This morning a union brigade, consisting of English, Scottish, Irish and Welsh fusiliers, under General Barton, with several naval guns, advanced and took up a strong position three miles from Colenso, meeting with no opposition.

This movement has been on foot among the Irish in Cleveland for about three weeks. In two weeks another party will leave this city for New-York to enilst in the service. This uprising means a mighty blow against England. All over the country the Irish are now joining with the Dutch, and the sending of volunteers to South Africa will be continued. We have tried to keep this movement as quiet as possible.

CONSUL HAY OFF FOR HIS POST.

Among those who sailed on the American liner Louis for Southampton was Adelbert S. Hay, the son of Secretary of State John Hay, who is on the son of Secretary of State John Hay, who is on his way to Pretoria, South Africa, where he will act as United States Consul. When seen just before the sailing Mr. Hay said: "I am going to South Africa as an ordinary consul, and I do not see that there is anything of interest that I can say. I have received no instructions from this Government, as has been suggested, looking to a settlement between England and the Boers.
"I do not know exactly how I will get to Pretoria from Cape Town, but I will get there even though I have to go on a wheel. The place will be an interesting one, and there may be difficulties to be overcome. I do not believe that they are as great as the newspapers have said. I do not anticipate any trouble. You see, I was in Manila while the fighting was on, and then I spent some months at the embassy in London."

Mr. Hay said that if he thought there would be any benefit to the United States he would ask that the present rigid censorship of press dispatches be a little less severe.

ITS APPROPRIATION NOT EXCEEDED.

MEMBERS OF THE MAZET COMMITTEE SAY THAT ONLY ABOUT \$40,000 HAS BEEN EXPENDED COMPENSATION FOR COUNSEL.

Members of the Mazet Committee said yesterday that the report that the committee had exeded its appropriation of \$50,000 for the purposes of the investigation was without foundation. far, it was said, the committee had expended only about \$10,000. Mr. Moss and Mr. Clarke, of the committee's counsel, have received only a few thousand dollars for their services, but it is expected that a bill will be introduced in the Legislature for an additional appropriation to pay them about \$15,000. The report of the committee will not be ready before the end of this month.

WOMAN'S HOTEL PROJECT. The committee in charge of the project to build

woman's hotel in this city warns intending subscribers to the stock that unless another \$100,000 be underwritten before January 1, the subscriptions for \$200,000 already assured will be released. In that case the project will be given up for lack of public support. This is not a charity, but a business investment, as the committee confidently expects that the returns will pay 5 per cent on \$400,000 of stock, besides all expenses, interest on the mortgage, taxes and \$30,000 yearly as a sinking fund. This expectation is based on estimates

trucks in the broiling sun, to Molteno. After an hour's rest they proceeded on a long march over most difficult, unknown country.

General Buller's advance in the direction of Colenso seems to have actually begun.

The military attachés have left Cape Town to join General Buller, via Durban.

General Buller, via Durban.

General White reports, under date of December 12, that there are thirty-two cases of enteric fever at Ladysmith.

There are renewed reports of a Cabinet crisis

In gfund. This expectation is based on estimates made by some of the most experienced hotel keepers in the cly.

The financial plan includes a bullding and site to cost \$500,000; \$400,000 of stock to be sold, and the cost \$500,000; \$400,000 of stock to be sold, and the cost \$500,000; \$400,000 of stock to be sold, and the cost \$500,000; \$400,000 of stock to be sold. And the cost \$500,000; \$400,

NO MANDAMUS ISSUED.

LAND BOARD RECEIVES ASTORIA COM-PANY'S MONEY-PATENT READY FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Albany, Det. 13.—Governor Roosevelt now has in his hands the patent issued by the State Land Board on December 7 to the Astoria Light, Heat and Power Company for sixteen and one-half acres of land under water at Astoria. The company has said to the Secretary of State through Tracy, Boardman & Platt the sum of \$3,633 97 for the land and \$25 patent fees. Then the patent was sent to Governor Roosevelt for his signature.

Secretary of State McDonough said to-day

Secretary of State McDonough said to-day:

I expected all day yesterday to receive notice of an injunction desired by Corporation Counsel Whalen of New-York restraining the Land Board from further proceedings in regard to this grant to the Astoria company, but no notice came, and now the transaction is complete; for no court would enjoin a board from doing something it has already done. And I do not think Governor Roosevelt can be enjoined from signing the patent. Once some lawyers tried to mandamus Governor Morton in a Civil Service Reform case, but the courts held that they could not issue it against the Governor for an executive right. The authorities of New-York have especially picked out this Astoria case for attack for certain reasons of their own; not, I believe, sincerely, because of the value we have put on this land. We sold a large amount of land in Jamaica Bay to the Rockaway Improvement Company two months ago, but they made no fight upon that. Now they select this Astoria grant for criticism.

upon that. Now they select this Astoria grant for criticism.

In my judgment we have acted in the interest of the State when we accepted \$50 an acre for this land. Why, the State only received \$50 an acre in 1874 for land under water on either side of it. This Astoria company, I understand, proposes to remove seven big gas plants from New-York City and put them in one gigantic plant at Astoria. Surely that would be a benefit to New-York City in removing a nuisance from the built up portion of the city.

As to the question of whether the State or the city of New-York has legal control of these lands, I am positive the State Land Board controls them at present, but I am in favor of the city possessing them. Controller Coler of New-York is quite right when he suggests that bills should be introduced in the Legislature conferring control of these lands under water alots the water front of the counties of Kings, Queens and Richmond to the city.

LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR. LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Governor Roosevelt formally informed the Land Board to-day of his receipt of a letter from Con poration Counsel Whalen of New-York requesting aim not to sign the patent awarded by the Land Board to the Astoria Light, Heat and Power Company, and asserting that the lands at Astoria de sired by the Astoria company were worth \$3,000,000, instead of \$3,633. Corporation Counsel Whalen's letter to the Governor ended with this request: "May ask, therefore, that you will withhold your signature to the letters patent until the question of an injunction can be formally passed upon by a Special Term Judge of your district." Those in attendance at to-day's meeting of the

Land Board were Speaker Nixon, Secretary of State McDonough, Controller Morgan, Attorney General Davies, State Treasurer Jaeckel and State Engineer Bond. The letter of the Governor was resented by the Secretary of State. It read as

State of New-York, Executive Chamber,
Albany, December 12, 1899.
missioners of the Land Office, Albany, N. Y.
entlemen: The inclosed letter from John Whalen,
Corporation Counsel of the City of New-York, esq., Corporation Counsel of the grants of land explains itself.

I should like information as to the grants of land under water made since the greater New-York charter went into effect, and of some of those made before. I would like to know the prices paid and the conditions of each grant. I should like to know whether information about these various grants was furnished to the city authorities, and what protests, if any, were made in reference to them.

State Treasurer Jacokel moved that Attorney General Davies, Controller Morgan and Secretary of State McDonough furnish the information desired. This motion was adopted, and the Board proceeded to other business. The information will be promptly furnished to the Governor.

NEW BUILDING OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

A PERMANENT COMMITTEE CHOSEN TO SELECT PLANS FOR IT.

At a meeting yesterday of the Governing Committee of the New-York Stock Exchange, the fol-lowing members of that body were appointed a Permanent Building Committee, with power to se lect plans for the proposed new building: President, Rudolph Keppler; vice-president, R. H. Thomas, R. P. Doremus, H. G. S. Noble, J. S. Stout, J. T. Atterbury and Ernest Groesbeck. The building at present occupied by the Stock Exchange has the shape of a great T, with the stem extending from Broad-st. to New-st., and the cross piece is represented by the New-st. frontage. On October 18 of last year the Exchange acquired the site of the eightstory building Nos. 16 and 18 Broad-st., adjoining its present structure on the south. For this prop-erty, which was owned jointly by the estate of Abraham Bininger and the estate of Julia Bedell, the Exchange paid \$825,000 cash. The building is upled by the Western Union Telegraph Com pany under a twenty year lease, which will expire 1963, the building at that time reverting to the owners of the land. This property has a frontage of 47 feet 1 inch in Broad-st., by 87 feet 3 inches on Its south side, adjoining the Commercial Cable Building, and by 50 feet 4 inches in the rear, by \$2 feet on the Stock Exchange side.

In January of this year the Stock Exchange supplemented the October purchase by acquiring from the Swan estate for \$425,000 the six-story office building at No. \$ Broad-st., adjoining it on the north. This building stands on a lot having a frontage in Broad-st. of 21 feet 8 inches, a depth of 73 feet 8 inches, and a width in the rear of 27 feet 4 inches. The frontage in New-st. of the present 4 inches. The frontage in New-st. of the present 5 tock Exchange building is approximately sequal to the width of the main stem of the T. running from New-st. to Broad-st., plus the width of the Western Union building and the Swar building, both of which front in Broad-st., so that by removing the side and rear walls separating the newly acquired buildings from the Exchange there would be secured a Board from extending from New-st. frontage.

There have been many speculations as to the probable nature of the improvement which the Exchange will make in its property, but it has not yet developed whether a new building covering the whole area will be erected or merely alterations designed to increase the Board room space will be made. It is understood that plans for the building have been drafted by George B. Post, the well known architect. It is also said that arrangements have been made by which the Stock Exchange will be able to terminate at an early day the leases of the tenants of its recently purchased buildings. Swan estate for \$425,000 the six-story office

TO GET RID OF DEBTS OF HALF A MILLION. Willett Bronson, a lawyer, of No. 16 Exchange Place, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$491,823 and no assets. The debts were contracted in 1882 and 1883. Of the liabilities \$239,194 were secured by mortgages on real estate in this city, farm lands in Minnesota, raliroad stocks and bonds. The property was long ago transferred. bonds. The property was long ago transferred. The unsecured liabilities are chiefly for money lent, merchandise, on notes, and damages for breach of contract. Mr. Bronson made an assignment on December 29, 1888, having become involved in large real estate operations in this city. He had been neterested in real estate and building for eight years previously, and was reported to have sink over \$1,000,000 in these operations. At the time of his assignment his schedules showed liabilities, secured and unsecured, of \$553,000.

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"He who fights and runs,"-sarcastic is the couplet, Courage then remained undaunted; even when a spectre-haunted,

To the men whose generation made of war their Cutting, slashing, even hashing up each other with

Buller, who, taking into account the troops with General White in Ladysmith, has alto-

gether thirty thousand men. "The Standard"

At this moment there must be few men in Her Majesty's dominions who have as great a weight of care upon them as General Buller carries on his shoulders. All the papers comment upon the extreme gravity of the situation and upon the mo-

mentous decision Lord Methuen new has to

take-whether to remain at Modder River or to retire on Orange River. "The Times" says: At least thirty thousand additional men must sent out. The entire available reserves must be called up, and the militia and volunteers turned to account. Efforts must be made to increase the local Colonial forces, and further offers of troops from Canada and other Colonies must be sought and accepted.

TWO REPORTS FROM METHUEN. A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE FIGHTING AND

HIS WITHDRAWAL TO MODDER RIVER. London, Dec. 13 .- The War Office ha the following dispatch from General Methuen,

dated Tuesday, December 12: Our artillery shelled a very strong position held by the enemy in a long, high kopje from 4 until dusk, Sunday. It rained hard last night. The Highland Brigade attacked at daybreak Monday the south end of the kopje. The at-tack was properly timed, but failed. The Guards were redeted to proving the Highlander, right tack was properly timed, but failed. The Guards were ordered to protect the Highlanders' right and rear. The cavalry and mounted infantry, with a howitzer artillery battery, attacked the enemy on the left and the Guards on the right, supported by field artillery and howitzer artillery. They shelled the position from daybreak, and at 1:15 I sent the Gordons to support the Highland Brigade. The troops held their own in front of the enemy's intrenchments until dusk, the position extending, including the kopie, for a distance of six miles toward the Modder River. I, to-day, am holding my position and intrenching myself. I had to face at least 12,000 men. Our loss was great.

General Forestler-Walker, telegraphing from Cape Town at 3:30 p. m. to-day, sends the following dispatch from Lord Methuen, dated Mod-

der River, Tuesday, December 12, 7:30 p. m.: As the Boers occupied their trenches strongly

As the Boers occupied their trenches strongly this morning. I retired in perfect order here, where I am in security.

I have gathered from some of the prisoners and from our men with the ambulances, who talked with the Boers, that the enemy's losses were terrible, some corps being completely wiped out. The Boers have been most kind to my wounded.

The War Office also gave out the following from General Walker:

From Orange River it is reported that 293 wounded, including 27 officers, have arrived there from the Modder River.

Gatacre is moving from Bushman's Hoek to Sterkstroom to-day. The magistrate at Sterkstroom wires that the situation there has slightly improved. Many of the missing have turned up.

French reports that a detachment of cavalry.

French reports that a detachment of cavalry, wision to the Cape. Certain foreign stations will be the cape. The horse of the probably be garrisoned with militia, and if necessary volunteers will be called to take the places of the militia at home. It is also likely that the Militia Reserve will be sent out to join their respective battalions.

Pretoria, Dec. 11 .- An official report says: A battle at Modder River began yesterday with cannon firing, heavy fighting proceeding from 3.30 o'clock in the morning until 9.30 o'clock, with cannon, Maxims and rifles. A bombardment began at 4.30 o'clock, and the fighting still continues. A balloon has just arisen above the British positions, where it remained ten minutes, and descended. There were heavy rains during the night.

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BOER BULLETINS OF THE FIGHT. London, Dec. 13.-General Methuen, as ex-

A battle at Modder River began yesterday with cannon firing heavy for

At 9 o'clock this morning a further report was received from Modder River. A dispatch rider brought word that all the Boer positions had been maintained, and that forty-one British prisoners had been taken. At 9:30 o'clock